

BOTH SIDES ANXIOUS TO FILL VACANT SEATS

Want Second Exercising of Peremptory Challenges to Begin Late Today or Tomorrow.

Los Angeles, Nov. 14.—Determined to complete a jury as rapidly as possible, both sides in the McNamara case started work today in an earnest effort to qualify three men to fill the vacant



Late picture of Jim McNamara on trial in Los Angeles, Cal., on a murder charge.

seats in the box, so that the second exercising of peremptory challenges might begin late this afternoon or tomorrow.

The sixth venire reported in court today, including Frank Baker, head of the Baker Iron

Works, and several other prominent members of the Merchants and Manufacturers' association.

District Attorney Fredricks is extremely desirous of getting the trial begun as soon as possible, and as a result is accepting men who ordinarily would be rejected. Of the men in the box subject to peremptory challenge, Clark McLain, the Pasadena banker; Alexander Gribling; Willett D. Brunner and T. J. Green united in telling the prosecutor they could hardly convict McNamara on circumstantial evidence.

Brunner said his conscience would not permit him to "hang a man without direct proof." Yet the only man challenged by the state for a prejudice against circumstantial evidence was Gribling, and the court overruled the challenge in this case.

It is likely that at least four of those at present in the box will become permanent jurors, as the defense so far has only decided to challenge Major Kenyon, while the state is expected to get rid of McLain, who called Gen. Otis a "menace to the community;" and Gribling, whose views are alleged to favor the defense.

Attorneys for the defense today said the action of Gen. Otis in dedicating a monument to the twenty victims of the Times fire is designed purely for its effect on the city election and in order to crystalize sentiment against the socialist candidates.

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Even the heathen Chinese got tired of political bosses.